



SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Area Health Office,
Northway,
Scarborough.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1969

IO. The Chairman and Members of the Scarborough Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for 1969.

Our annual statistics show a continued increase in the population of the area. This is due partly to a small natural increase but mainly due to immigration.

The infant mortality, traditionally the main indicator of a healthy community, while showing the usual swing to be expected in small communities, is steadily falling. The average number of infant deaths in the last five years was less than 2. It may not be long before a nil return in this category of the vital statistics of the Rural District is regarded as the norm and occurrence of a single infant death a matter for searching inquiry.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

W.G. EVANS,

M.A., M.B., B. Chir., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

The following Committees of the Scarborough Rural District Council are concerned with matters of public health viz:-

Health and Housing Committee
Public Works Committee

Also the Social Services Committee of the North Riding County Council.

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 10310 shows an increase of 180 compared with 1968.

Births

A total of 183 LIVE and STILL Births gave a crude birth-rate of 17.7 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	91	83	174
Illegitimate	2	6	8
	—	—	—
	93	89	182
	—	—	—

Illegitimate LIVE Births per cent of total LIVE Births = 4.4

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	1	—	1
	—	—	—
	1	—	1
	—	—	—

Infant Death (Deaths under 1 year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	1	1
	—	—	—
	—	1	1
	—	—	—

Year	Popul- ation	Live & Still Births	LIVE Birth Rate, per 1000 popul- ation (Adjusted)	Deaths	Rate per 1000 popul- ation (Adjusted)	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000 live births	Still Births	Rate per 1000 live and still births
1965	8970	170	22.4	119	10.1	2	11.8	1	5.9
1966	9220	184	23.4	121	9.5	2	10.9	2	10.8
1967	9600	163	22.0	123	8.3	1	6.2	1	6.1
1968	10130	154	19.5	128	7.8	2	13.2	3	19.4
1969	10310	183	23.2	154	9.7	1	5.0	1	5.0
England and Wales	808204		16.3	579463	11.9	14397	18.0	10662	13.0

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1000 LIVE births.....	5.0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births).....	5.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (Deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births).....	5.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1000 total LIVE and STILL BIRTHS	11.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) Number of deaths.....	NIL
Rate per 1000 total live and still births.....	—

Deaths

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.....	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Desophagis.....	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.....	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine.....	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.....	7	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.....	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate.....	2	-
Leukaemia.....	1	1
Other malignant neoplams.....	5	7
Diabetes Mellitus.....	-	3
Remus.....	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.....	3	1
Hypertensive Disease.....	-	3
Iscamic Heart Disease.....	21	18
Other forms of heart disease.....	4	8
Cerebrovascular Disease.....	11	10
Other diseases of Circulatory System.....	4	2
Influenza.....	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4	2
Bronchitis and Emphysems.....	5	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....	-	2
Peptic Ulcer.....	1	1
Other diseases of Digestive System.....	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	1	1
Other diseases, Genito-urinary System.....	-	2
Congenital Anomalies.....	-	-
Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.....	1	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions.....	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	-
All other accidents.....	-	1
Total all causes	77	77

Infectious Diseases

Notifications

Infective Hepatitis	3
Scarlet Fever.....	1
Measles.....	1
Whooping Cough.....	1
Food poisoning.....	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1

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National Assistance Act, 1948. S. 47

It was necessary during the year to take action on one occasion, on behalf of the Authority under this Section which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital or other institutions of persons in need of care and attention and not receiving it from any other person. An elderly gentleman, 76, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital suffering from advanced Carcinoma from which he has since died. He accepted hospitalisation and further orders for his stay in hospital were not required.

The following part of this Report was prepared by Mr. W.R. Ayrton the Public Health Inspector, viz:-

Council Offices,
West Parade Road,
Scarborough.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's report for the year ended 31.12.69

GENERAL REMARKS

I am pleased to report that, during the year, considerable progress was made in improving the basic public health services of housing, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal, and Refuse Collection and Disposal. Whilst at all times care has to be taken to ensure that all services keep pace with the march of progress, on the last two mentioned services not a great deal is left to be done except to resolve the major question of the future method of disposing of rubbish from the area.

A full Housing survey was completed, providing information needed to achieve the aims of:-

- (1) Eradication of Sub-standard Housing by
 - (a) Improvement with grant aid where possible.
 - (b) Demolition or other appropriate procedure under the Housing Acts.
- (2) Ensuring that all Council Houses and estates are brought up to good modern standards, having regard to their age and the size and type of families accommodated.
- (3) Ensuring that provision of new Council owned accommodation is sited, designed and programmed correctly, having regard to the housing needs of the area.

A great deal of the departments time will have to be devoted to Housing over the next few years. Provision of warden supervised accommodation for the elderly has proved a great success, and is of great value to the area. This policy may well be expanded in the future.

Other public health matters continued to be generally satisfactory, but there are two major nuisance problems to be dealt with. These involve a lime burning plant causing noise and dust problems, and a frozen chip factory causing serious malodour in the surrounding locality. Solving such problems in highly complex general or heavy industries is always slow and never easy. Nevertheless the Council must persist until the answers, one way or another, are found.

My thanks are due to Chairmen of the Council and the Committees, the Councillors, my staff and workmen and all my colleagues for the co-operation and help they have given during the year.

W.R. AYRTON,

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

HOUSING

(a) New Housing

161 new houses were completed by private enterprise, and the Council's Church Beck Cottages Estate at Cloughton was extended by the erection of 9 No. 2-bed. Bungalows and 1 No. 3 bed. Warden's house. It is anticipated that the erection of 14. No. 2-bed. Bungalows and a block containing 2 No. 1-bed. ground floor flats and a 3 bed Warden's first floor flat will be commenced at Denison Avenue, Seamer, early in 1970, and that the first of these will be available for letting in September. The number of applicants for Council houses continues to rise steadily and, at the end of the year, the list of families having a housing need had risen by 25% to a total of 44. Seventeen houses became available for re-letting during the year, this high figure being due to some extent to transfer from older houses to the new bungalows at Church Beck Cottages, Cloughton.

(b) Improvement and Standard Grants

20 applications for Improvement Grant and 7 applications for standard Grant were approved during 1969, bringing the total number of grants approved since the Acts came into force to 400. The survey of the older dwellings throughout the District showed that there are 150 unfit dwellings, 70 of which are improvable with grant. The amended grant provisions of the Housing Act, 1969, make house improvements a good proposition and, using the new powers, improvement schemes will be "pushed" by the department during 1970.

(c) Action under the Housing Act, 1957

Number of houses inspected for defects	...	552
Number of houses unfit for human habitation	...	150
(a) In clearance areas		NIL
(b) Number of houses closed		NIL
(c) In respect of which undertakings were accepted		NIL
(d) In respect of which demolition orders made		7
Number of houses capable of repair		70
Number of unfit houses made fit by informal action		2
Number of houses demolished		5
Number of inspections made		603

The Council agreed to cancel undertakings on the satisfactory completion of works relating to the renovation of two unfit houses.

(d) Building and other new development

Of 285 applications received and dealt with under the Building Regulations, 1965, 270 were approved and 15 disapproved.

242 applications for consideration under the Town and Country Planning Acts were received and forwarded to the No. 6 Area Planning Committee of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, together with this Council's views thereon.

WATER SUPPLIES

With the exception of Troutsdale, Langdale End, Broxa and part of Hackness, the whole of the Council's area is now served by the Scarborough Corporation Water Undertaking.

At the end of the year 4,268 dwellings were connected to mains water supplies. Four samples of water submitted for bacteriological examination by this Authority proved to be satisfactory, and 667 similar samples submitted by the Scarborough Corporation proved to be satisfactory. The Corporation also submitted 30 satisfactory samples of water for chemical analysis.

The Scarborough Corporation mains supply for the area contains natural occurring fluoride varying from Nil to 0.1 parts per million, whereas the recommended content to combat dental decay in children is 1.0 parts per million.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1. General

The Council's application to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for loan sanction in respect of the Council's proposals to extend the Seamer Sewage Treatment Works at a revised estimated cost of £300,000 was granted at the end of the year and work will commence in 1970. The original estimated cost was £250,000, but costs rose steeply during the long delay caused by the Ministry in dealing with the Council's application.

Loan sanction to extend the rising main at Killerby, Cayton, at a capital cost of approximately £8,000 was granted, and work to overcome the sewerage difficulties at this point should be completed during 1970. This work will also greatly improve the efficiency of the Gristhorpe and Lebberston pumping stations.

The Burniston Sewage Treatment Works continued to operate satisfactorily, but there was one bad sample result, this being definitely due to a large discharge of strong farm waste. An investigation was immediately undertaken, but the source was not found. Suffice it to say that, during the investigation the discharge stopped and has not recurred. A close check on the situation is being kept.

2. Connection to Sewers

160 of the 161 new houses completed during 1969 were connected to the Council's sewers, the remaining house being provided with a septic tank system. 14 older properties were connected to the sewers, either by conversion to the water carriage system or abolition of septic tanks. Four old dwellings, 1 new house and 1 new dwelling formed by conversion, were provided with septic tank systems.

At the end of the year statistics relating to the water carriage system of drainage were:-

No. of houses with water carriage system	4,293
No. of houses without water carriage system	145
No. of conversions to water carriage system during 1969	16

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are 59 licensed caravan sites within the Council's area containing a total of 2007 caravans. There are also two licensed sites which cater for a total of 142 tents. All the larger sites have been inspected regularly, and conditions were generally satisfactory.

Proceedings were taken against one land owner for an offence under Sec. 1 of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. The Court imposed a penalty of a small fine plus costs.

During the year the Ministry of Housing and Local Government set up a working party to consider the problems associated with tented camping and touring caravans. It is hoped that the result will be new legislation which will deal adequately with the present rather chaotic position.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A complete report on refuse collection arrangements was submitted to the Council, and this resulted in a weekly collection being extended to cover all except 1% of the population of the Council's area, continuing the system of back door bin collection and return. The report considered the various ways in which refuse collection from the large holiday camps might be improved and a bulk container system is to be put into service for the summer of 1970. This service could be extended to cover other District Council areas. A new refuse tip adjoining the old tip at Seamer was purchased and brought into use during the year, and this will provide tip facilities until the end of 1973 at least. The tip at Burniston was closed down and occasional loads from the area formerly served by this tip are taken to the Scalby Urban District Council tip, when it is not convenient to take them through to Seamer. The tip at Brompton should be completed and finished off during the next year.

The service operated very satisfactorily during the year and, for the fifth year in succession, on no occasion was a collection round not completed on time. Some 3,750 tons of refuse were dealt with during the year, and this will rise steeply with the introduction of the bulk container system in 1970.

FOOD HYGIENE

Business	Nos.	No. fitted to comply with Reg 16*	No. to which Reg 19* applies.	No. fitted to comply with Reg 19*
Grocers	40	40	40	40
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Fish & Chips	5	5	5	5
Catering	42	42	42	42
Licensed Premises	29	28	28	28

* of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

76 inspections were carried out and 13 unsatisfactory conditions found, twelve of which had been remedied at the end of the year. 41 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

There are no commercial poultry processing premises in the area.

MEAT INSPECTIONS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The following statistics are given with reference to the three privately owned slaughterhouses in the area.

Number of meat inspection visits made	292
Number of animals inspected	1,265
Weight of meat considered unfit for human consumption	312 lbs.

In addition the Scarborough Corporation abattoir is sited in the area, the Council having an arrangement for meat inspection to be carried out by the Borough Council.

Further information is given in Appendix 'B'

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

68 inspections were made and 51 nuisances found to exist. At the end of the year 48 of these had been abated as a result of informal action, and 3 cases were outstanding. It was not necessary to take any statutory action although, in two cases, this will have to be seriously considered failing progress in 1970.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1960

The lime burning plant in the area continued to cause concern and, despite representations to the Alkali Works Inspectorate who continued to give the plant close attention, conditions did not improve during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

28 inspections were carried out, 2 unsatisfactory conditions being found and remedied. No accidents were reported.

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
<u>Properties Other Than Sewers</u>		
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	105	27
Number infested by (i) Rats	75	20
(ii) Mice	15	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	2	23
Number infested by (i) Rats	2	7
(ii) Mice	-	-

There were no cases of sewer infestation, although the Council's sewers were inspected and treated during the year.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1969

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to Health
(including inspections by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number of			
	No. on Register (2)	Inspection tations (3)	Written Notice (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which S.1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A. 's	83	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	83	4	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:- ONE

3. Part VIII of the Act - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - NIL.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1969

Meat Inspections and Condemnations

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	338	1	920	6
Number inspected	338	1	920	6
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-				
Whole carcasses condemned			5	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	23			
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	6.8%	NIL	2.1%	NIL
Tuberculosis only:-				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-